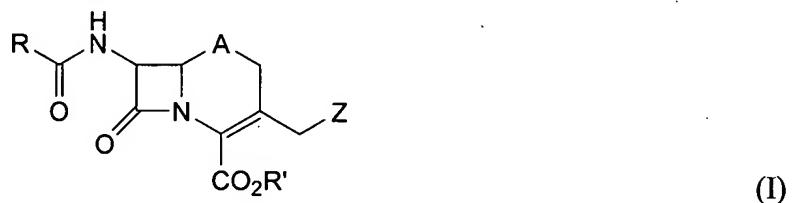


Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A compound having the formula:



in which

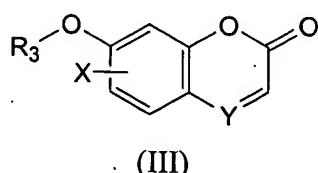
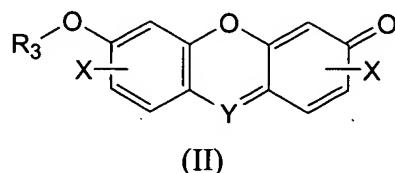
R is a benzyl, 2-thienylmethyl, or cyanomethyl group;

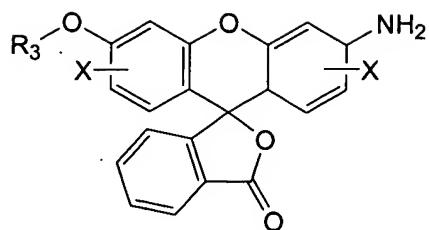
R' is selected from the group consisting of H, alkyl, physiologically acceptable salt or metal, ~~an~~ the ammonium cation, and -- CHR₂OCOC(CH₃)₃--, in which R₂ is selected from the group consisting of H, lower alkyl, deltabutyrolactonyl, methoxycarbonyloxymethyl, phenyl, methylsulphinylmethyl, β-morpholinoethyl, dialkylaminoethyl, and dialkyaminocarbonyloxymethyl;

A is selected from the group consisting of O, SO, SO₂, and CH₂; and

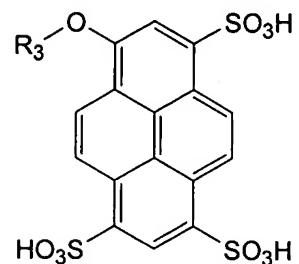
Z is a donor fluorescent moiety.

2. (Previously Presented) The compound of claim 1, wherein the donor fluorescent moiety is selected from:

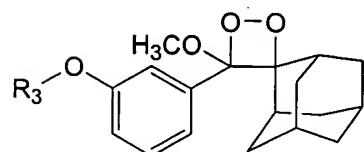




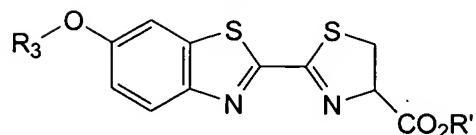
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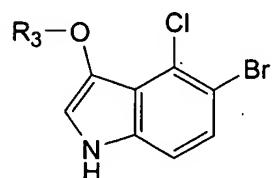
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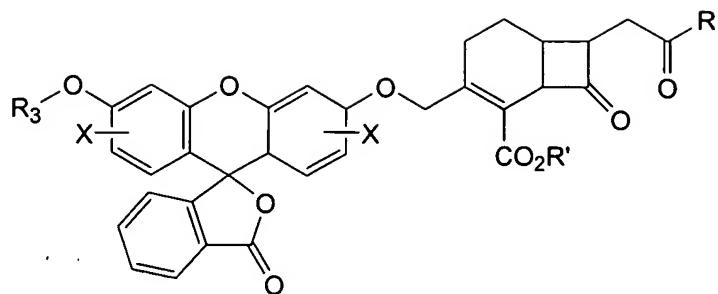
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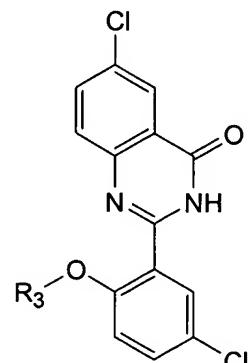
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(X); and



(XI)

wherein

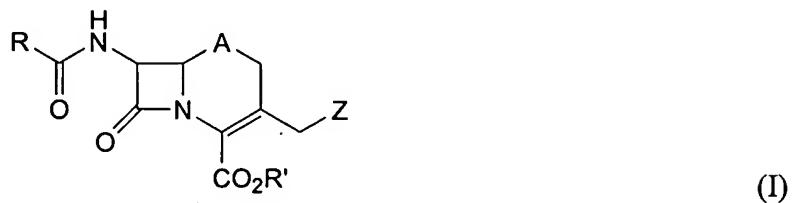
R₃ is a direct bond;

X is H, F, Cl, Br, or CO₂R'; and

Y is N, CH, C-CN, or C-CF₃.

3. - 16. (Canceled)

17. (Currently Amended) A compound having the formula:



in which

R is a benzyl, 2-thienylmethyl, or cyanomethyl group;

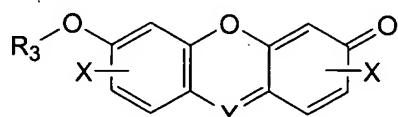
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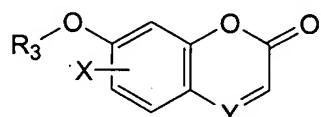
R' is selected from the group consisting of H, alkyl, physiologically acceptable salt or metal, ~~an~~ the ammonium cation, and --CHR₂OOC(CH₃)₃--, in which R₂ is selected from the group consisting of H, lower alkyl, deltabutyrolactonyl, methoxycarbonyloxymethyl, phenyl, methylsulphinylmethyl, β-morpholinoethyl, dialkylaminoethyl, and dialkyaminocarbonyloxymethyl;

A is selected from the group consisting of S, O, SO, SO₂, and CH₂; and

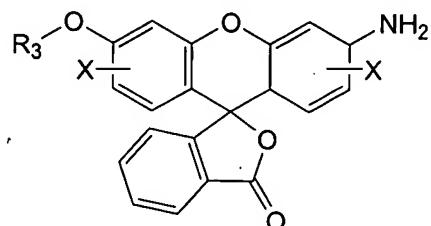
Z is selected from:



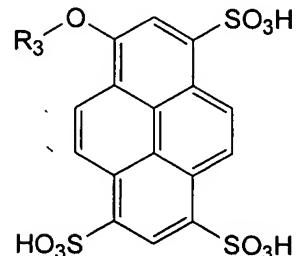
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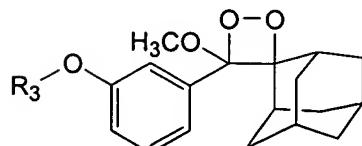
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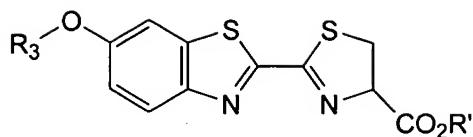
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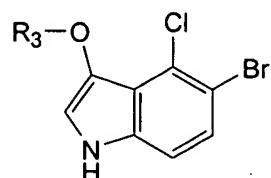
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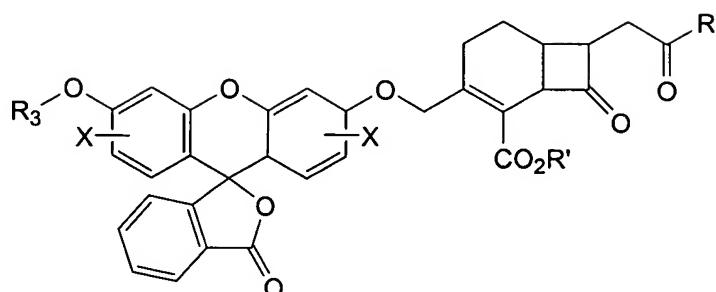
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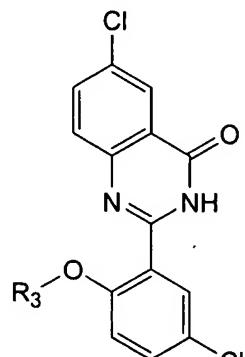
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(X); and



(XI)

wherein

R₃ is a direct bond;

X is H, F, Cl, Br, or CO₂R'; and

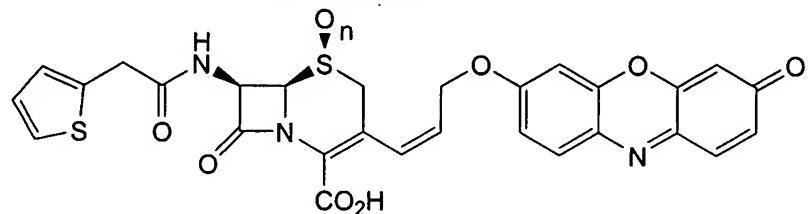
Y is N, CH, C-CN, or C-CF₃.

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18. (Previously Presented) The compound of claim 1, wherein A is selected from O, SO, SO₂, and CH₂.

19. (Currently Amended) ~~A compound having the formula~~ The compound of claim 1, wherein the compound has the structure:



wherein n is 0, 1, or 2.

20. (Previously Presented) The compound of claim 19, wherein n is 1 or 2.

21. - 26. (Cancelled)